

Art Unit: 1646

1. The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Garnette D. Draper Group Art Unit 1646, Group 1640 of Technology Center 1600.
2. Newly added claims 75-96 are presently pending of record. Claims 75-81 and 86-96 are in condition for allowance. Newly added claims 82-85 raises possible concerns under 35 USC 112, particularly since claims 82-83 define the nucleic acid in terms of an encoded amino acid sequence and also fail to recite any kind of functional activity for the encoded amino acid sequence which would be enabled by the specification. **However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED from the date of this letter.** The issue relative to claims 82-85 will probably be resolved prior to the initiation of any interference proceedings.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Garnette D. Draper at telephone number (703) 308-4232.

  
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